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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Continuation Application of:

Applicants	:	Robert Blake et al.
Application Serial No.:		09/996,079
Title	:	BAR CODE SYMBOL READING SYSTEM EMPLOYING ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED RASTER-TYPE LASER SCANNER FOR READING BAR CODE SYMBOLS DURING HANDS-ON AND HANDS-FREE MODES OF OPERATION
Filing Date	:	November 28, 2001

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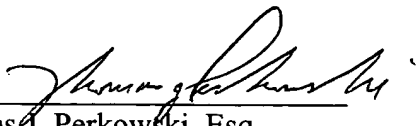
I, Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., attorney of record in the above identified case, hereby declare and certify that the attached Xerox copy of the application is a true copy of original co-pending Application Serial No. 09/996,079 filed November 28, 2001.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein are his own knowledge, are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The present application continues prosecution of subject matter originally disclosed in co-pending Application Serial No. 09/996,079 filed November 28, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 16, 2004

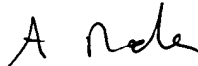


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SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a United States Letters Patent is sought on the invention entitled "BAR CODE SYMBOL READING SYSTEM EMPLOYING ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED RASTER-TYPE LASER SCANNER FOR READING BAR CODE SYMBOLS DURING HANDS-ON AND HANDS-FREE MODES OF OPERATION", the Specification of which was filed on September 16, 1998, and assigned United States Application Number 09/154,020.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified Specification, including the Claims to Invention, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 11, 2000.

Under 35 USC Section 120, I hereby claim the benefit of the earlier filing dates of any United States Patent Applications listed below: 08/931,691 filed September 16, 1997, said application being assigned to Metrologic Instruments, Inc. and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between September 16, 1997, the filing date of the prior Application No. 08/931,691 identified above, and September 16, 1998, the national filing date of this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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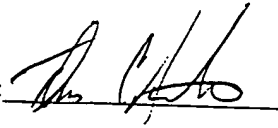
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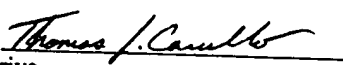
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**COMBINED DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP
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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the claimed subject matter of the invention disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/154,020 entitled "Bar Code Symbol Reading System Employing Electronically-Controlled Raster-Type Laser Scanner For Reading Bar Code Symbols During Hands-On And Hands-Free Modes Of Operation", filed September 16, 1998 and for which a U.S. Letters Patent is sought.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified Application, including the Claims to Invention thereof.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior US Application Serial No. 07/580,740 filed September 11, 1990, and the present Application filed on September 16, 1998.

Under 35 USC Section 120, I hereby claim priority to the earlier filing dates of the following co-pending United States Patent Applications: copending Application Serial No. 08/931,691 entitled "Electronically-Controlled Mechanically-Damped Off-Resonant Light Beam Scanning Mechanism And Code Symbol Readers Employing The Same" by Robert E. Blake, et al. filed September 16, 1997; copending Application Serial No. 09/071,512 entitled "DOE-Based Systems And Devices For Producing Laser Beams Having Modified Beam Characteristics" by LeRoy Dickson et al., filed May 1, 1998; copending Application Serial No. 08/916,694 entitled "System And Method For Carrying Out Information-Related Transactions Using Web Documents Embodying Transaction-Enabling Applets Automatically Launched And Executed In Response To Reading URL-encoded Symbols Pointing Thereto" by inventors Garrett Russell, David M. Wilz, Sr., and C. Harry Knowles filed August 22, 1997; copending Application Serial No. 08/869,164 filed June 4, 1997; copending Application Serial No. 08/846,219 entitled "Programmed Bar Code Symbol Reader For Accessing Internet-Based Information Resources By Scanning Java-Applet Encoded Bar Code Symbols", filed April 25, 1997; copending Application Serial No. 08/838,501 entitled "Internet-Based System And Method For Tracking Objects Bearing URL-Encoded Bar Code Symbols" by David M. Wilz, Sr. and C. Harry Knowles, filed April 7, 1997, which is a Continuation-in-Part of copending Application Serial No. 08/820,540 entitled "System And Method For Composing And Printing URL-Enclosed Bar Code Symbol Lists And Menus For Use In Visiting Internet-Based Information Resources By Scanning The Same" by Harry Knowles, filed March 19, 1997, which is a Continuation-in-part of copending Application Serial No. 08/753,367 filed November 25, 1996; copending Application Serial No. 08/645,331 filed September 24, 1996; copending Application Serial No. 08/615,054 filed March 12, 1996; copending Application Serial No. 08/573,949 filed December 18, 1995; copending Application Serial No. 08/292,237 filed May 17, 1994; copending Application Serial No. 08/365,193 filed December 28, 1994; copending Application Serial No. 08/293,493 filed August 19, 1994; copending Application Serial No. 08/561,479 filed November 20, 1995; copending Application Serial No. 08/278,109 filed November 24, 1995; copending Application Serial No. 08/489,305 filed June 9, 1995; copending Application Serial No. 08/476,069 filed June 7, 1995; copending Application Serial No. 08/584,135 filed January 11, 1996 which is a

continuation of copending Application Serial No. 08/651,951 filed May 21, 1996 which is a continuation of copending Application Serial No. 08/489,305 filed June 9, 1995 which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 07/821,917 filed January 16, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 07/583,421 filed September 17, 1990, now U.S. Patent No. 5,260,553, and Application Serial No. 07/580,740 filed September 11, 1990, now abandoned.

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